

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria comprising contacting the bacteria with an antibacterial agent comprising a coumarin analogue extracted from a pericarp of a citrus fruit.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the coumarin analogue is extracted from a citrus cold press oil derived from the pericarp of a citrus fruit.

3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the coumarin analogue is extracted from the high-boiling point portion of a citrus cold press oil.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the coumarin analogue is extracted from a fraction eluted by a solvent after the high-boiling point portion of the citrus cold press oil is carried on a support.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein said bacteria are present in an oral care product.

6. The method according to claim 2, wherein said bacteria are present in an oral care product.

7. The method according to claim 3, wherein said bacteria are

present in an oral care product.

8. The method according to claim 4, wherein said bacteria are present in an oral care product.

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9. The method according to claim 1, wherein said bacteria are present in a food product.

10. The method according to claim 2, wherein said bacteria are  
10 present in a food product.

11. The method according to claim 3, wherein said bacteria are present in a food product.

15 12. The method according to claim 4, wherein said bacteria are present in a food product.

13. A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria comprising contacting the bacteria with an antibacterial agent for thermostable  
20 acid-fast bacteria, the antibacterial agent comprising a coumarin analogue extracted from the pericarp of a citrus fruit.